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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior Application No. 09/354,152 filed on July 16, 1999, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference, by

Motoomi **ARAKAWA**;
Kazuaki **SUKATA**;
Yasuyuki **AGARI**; and
Masayuki **SHIMADA**.

for

ORGANIC-INORGANIC HYBRID POLYMER MATERIALS WITH COMPOSITIONAL GRADIENT, AND PROCESSES FOR PREPARING THE SAME

1. Enclosed is an application consisting of specification, claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if applicable).
2. The filing fee has been calculated as follows:



		LARGE ENTITY		SMALL ENTITY	
BASIC FEE		\$740.00		\$370.00	
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	FEE	RATE
TOTAL CLAIMS	27-20 =	7	x 18 =	\$126.00	x 9 = \$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3-3 =	0	x 84 =	\$0.00	x 42 = \$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			+ \$280.00		+ \$140.00
		TOTAL	\$1,146.00		\$0.00

3. A check in the amount of \$1,146.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.

4. Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.

5. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:

a. --This application is a divisional of co-pending Application No. 09/354,152, filed on July 16, 1999, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120; and this application claims priority of Application No. 203096/1998 filed in Japan on July 17, 1998 under 35 U.S.C. § 119.--

b. --This application is a continuation divisional continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. 09/354,152, filed on July 16, 1999 and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Application No. 09/354,152 is the national phase of PCT International Application No. PCT/____/ filed on ____ under 35 U.S.C. § 371. The entire contents of each of the above-identified applications are hereby incorporated by reference. This application also claims priority of Application No. filed in _____ on _____ under 35 U.S.C. § 119.--

6. Enclosed are two (2) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.

7a. A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. _____ on _____. See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.

7b. The current application qualifies for small entity status.

8. The prior application is assigned to: (1) Orient Chemical Industries, Ltd. and (2) Osaka Municipal Government.

9. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

10a. Priority of Application No(s). 203096/1998 filed in Japan on July 17, 1998 is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on July 16, 1999.

10b. Priority of International Appln. _____ filed on under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and Application No. _____ filed in _____ on _____ under 35 U.S.C. § 119 are hereby reclaimed.

11. An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.

12. Address all future communications to:
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13. An extension of time for _____ () month(s) until has been submitted in parent Application No. 09/354,152 in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.

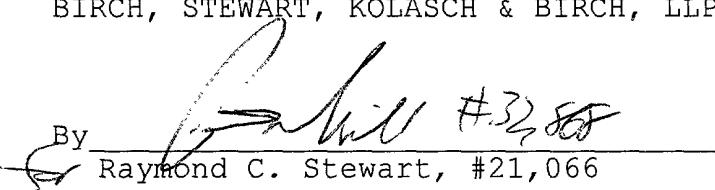
14. Also enclosed herewith is the following:

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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